Use of certain expressions in court-rooms

2207. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARATAIMUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been received to do away with the age-old post colonial practice of use of "My Lord" and "Your Lordship" inside court-rooms;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to wipe out the old system and to introduce a new terminology to be used inside court-rooms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) Mode of addressing the Judges in the court-rooms is a matter between the Bar and the Bench and the Government has no role to play in this regard.

Appointment of Notary Public

2208. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Notary Public appointed during the last three years; and

(b) the number of posts of Notary Public lying vacant in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The Central Government has appointed 935 notaries in the various States during the last three years i.e. from January, 2003 to December, 2005.

(b) As prescribed by the Notaries Rules, 1956, maximum number of notaries to be appointed by the Central Government in Punjab is 425, out of which 425 notaries have been appointed.

Expenditure on elections

2209. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government on conduct of the elections for the 14th Lok Sabha in the year 2004; and